

And so I was, which plainly signified,
That I should snarle, and bite, and play the dogge:
Then since the Heauens haue shap'd my Body so,
Let Hell make crook'd my Minde to answer it.
I haue no Brother, I am like no Brother:
And this word [Loue] which Gray-beards call Diuine,
Be resident in men like one another,
And not in me: I am my selfe alone.
Clarence beware, thou keep'st me from the Light,
But I will sort a pitchy day for thee:
For I will buzze abroad such Propheties,
That Edward shall be fearefull of his life,
And then to purge his feare, he be thy death.
King Henry, and the Prince his Son are gone,
Clarence thy turne is next, and then the rest,
Counting my selfe but bad, till I be best.
He throw thy body in another roome,
And Triumph Henry, in thy day of Doome.

Exit.

Flourish. Enter King, Queene, Clarence, Richard, Hastings,
Nurse, and Attendants.

King. Once more we sit in England's Royall Throne,
Re-purchac'd with the Blood of Enemies:
What valiant Foe-men, like to Autumnes Corne,
Haue we mow'd downe in tops of all their pride?
Three Dukes of Somerser, threefold Renowne,
For hardy and vndoubted Champions:
Two Cliffords, as the Father and the Sonne,
And two Northumberlands: two brauer men,
Ne're spurr'd their Couriers at the Trumpets sound.
With them, the two braue Beares, Warwick & Montague,
That in their Chaines fetter'd the Kingly Lyon,
And made the Forrest tremble when they roard.

Thus haue we swept Suspicion from our Seate,
And made our Footstool of Security.
Come hither Bessie, and let me kisse my Boy:
Yong Ned, for thee, thine Vnckles, and my selfe,
Haue in our Armors watcht the Winters night,
Went all afoote in Summers scalding heate,
That thou might'st repose the Crowne in peace,
And of our Labours thou shalt reape the gaine.

Rich. He blast his Haruest, if your head were laid,
For yet I am not look'd on in the world.

This shoulder was ordain'd so thicke, to heaue,
And heaue it shall some waight, or breake my backe,
Worke thou the way, and that shalt execute.

King. Clarence and Gloster, loue my louely Queene,
And kis your Princely Nephew Brothers both.

Cla. The duty that I owe vnto your Maiesty,
I Seale vpon the lips of this sweet Babe.

Cla. Thanke Noble Clarence, worthy brother thanks.
Rich. And that I loue the tree fro whence y sprang'st:
Witnesse the louing kisse I giue the Fruite,

To say the truth, so Iudas kist his master,
And cried all haile, when as he meant all harme.

King. Now am I seated as my soule delights,
Hauiug my Countries peace, and Brothers loues.

Cla. What will your Grace haue done with Margaret,
Reynard her Father, to the King of France,
Hath pawn'd the Sicils and Ierusalem,
And hither haue they sent it for her ransome.

King. Away with her, and wast her hence to France:
And now what rests, but that we spend the time
With statly Triumphes, mirthfull Comicke shewes,
Such as befits the pleasure of the Court.

Sound Drums and Trumpets, farwell fowre annoy,
For heere I hope begins our lasting ioy.

Exeunt omnes

FINIS.



The Tragedy of Richard the Third: with the Landing of Earle Richmond, and the Battell at Bosworth Field.

Actus Primus. Scena Prima.

Enter Richard Duke of Gloster, solus.

Now is the Winter of our Discontent,
Made glorious Summer by this Son of Yorke:
And all the clouds that low'r'd vpon our house
In the deepe bosome of the Ocean buried.

Now are our browes bound with Victorious Wreathes,
Our bruised armes hung vp for Monuments;

Our sterne Alarums chang'd to merry Meetings;
Our dreadfull Marches, to delightfull Measures.

Grim-visag'd Warre, hath smooth'd his wrinkled Front:
And now, in stead of mounting Barbed Steeds,

To fight the Soules of fearfull Aduersaries,
He capers nimble in a Ladies Chamber,

To the lasciuious pleasing of a Lute.

But I, that am not shap'd for sportiue trickes,
Nor made to court an amorous Looking-glasse:

I, that am Rudely stamp'd, and want loues Maiesty,
To strut before a wonton ambling Nymph:

I, that am curtail'd of this faire Proportion,
Cheated of Feature by dissembling Nature,

Deform'd, vn-finish'd, sent before my time
Into this breathing World, scarce half made vp,

And that so lamely and vn-fashionable,
That dogges bark at me, as I halt by them.

Why I (in this weak piping time of Peace)
Haueno delight to passe away the time,

Vlesse to see my Shadow in the Sunne,
And descant on mine owne Deformity.

And therefore, since I cannot proue a Louer,
To entertaine these faire well spoken dayes,

I am determin'd to proue a Villaine,
And hate the idle pleasures of these dayes.

Plots haue I laid, inductions dangerous,
By drunken Propheties, Libels, and Dreames,

To set my Brother Clarence and the King
In deadly hate, the one against the other:

And if King Edward be as true and iust,
As I am Subtle, False, and Treacherous,

This day should Clarence closely be mew'd vp:
About a Prophetie, which sayes that G,

Of Edwards heyres the murtherer shall be.
Diuine thoughts downe to my soule, here Clarence comes.

Enter Clarence, and Brakenbury guarded.
Brother, good day: What meanes this armed guard

That waites vpon your Grace?

Cla. His Maiesty tending my persons safety,
Hath appointed this Conduet, to conuey me to th' Tower.

Rich. Vpon what cause?

Cla. Because my name is George.

Rich. Alacke my Lord, that fault is none of yours:
He should for that commit your Godfathers.

O belike, his Maiesty hath some intent,
That you should be new Christned in the Tower.

But what's the matter Clarence, may I know?

Cla. Yea Richard, when I know: but I protest
As yet I do not: But as I can learne,

He hearkens after Propheties and Dreames,
And from the Crosse-row pluckes the letter G:

And sayes, a Wizard told him, that by G,
His issue disinherited should be.

And for my name of George begins with G,
It followes in his thought, that I am he.

These (as I learne) and such like toyes as these,
Hath mou'd his Highnesse to commit me now.

Rich. Why this it is, when men are rul'd by Women:
'Tis not the King that sends you to the Tower,

My Lady Grey his Wife, Clarence 'tis shee,
That tempts him to this harsh Extremity.

Was it not shee, and that good man of Worship,
Anthony Woodville her Brother there,

That made him send Lord Hastings to the Tower?
From whence this present day he is deliuered?

We are not safe Clarence, we are not safe.

Cla. By heauen, I thinke there is no man secure
But the Queenes Kindred, and night-walking Heralds,

That trudge betwixt the King, and Mistis Shore.

Heard you not what an humble Suppliant
Lord Hastings was, for her deliuey?

Rich. Humbly complaining to her Deitie,
Got my Lord Chamberlaine his libertie.

He tell you what, I thinke it is our way,
If we will keepe in fauour with the King,

To be her men, and weare her Liurey.
The iealous ore-worne Widdow, and her selfe,

Since that our Brother dub'd them Gentlewomen,
Are mighty Gossips in our Monarchy.

Bra. I beseech your Graces both to pardon me,
His Maiesty hath straightly giuen in charge,

That no man shall haue priuate Conference
(Of what degree soeuer) with your Brother.

Rich.